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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 0651

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS AO
SUBJECT: END OF SECRET POLICE

1. JUNTA MEMBER SILVA CARDOSO PRIVATELY INFORMED US SECRET POLICE HAS FINALLY BEEN COMPLETELY DISMANTLED, IN CONNECTION WITH "BRINGING APRIL 25 TO ANGOLA."

2. DGS (SUCCESSOR TO PIDE) HAD CONTINUED TO OPERATE AS MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNIT UNDER ACRONYM PIM (MILITARY INFORMATION POLICE) UNTIL WEEK OF JULY 15 WHEN IN WAKE OF WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE IN LUANDA IT WAS ANNOUNCED PIM'S FUNCTIONS HAD BEEN ABSORBED BY ARMY INTELLIGENCE. NOW ACCORDING TO CARDOSO, AGENTS, FUNCTIONS, ETC. HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED.

3. COMMENT: ASSUME THIS BELATED STEP IS INTENDED AS ADDITIONAL PROOF OF JUNTA'S SINCERITY IN SEEKING EARLY POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION WITH INSURGENT MOVEMENTS. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES IT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY IMMEDIATE TRUCE ON ALL FRONTS UNLESS PORTUGUESE ARE TO ABDICATE CONTROL OVER TERRITORY IN DISTANT WAR ZONES. FATE OF FLECHAS (DGS ELITE BLACK TROOPS) UNKNOWN; (SUBJECT OF SEPTEL).
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